

Volunteer Examiner's Report

With the first Saturday in January falling on New Year's Day, and along with weather not being the best, only a small turnout for FCC exams was expected, if any at all.

Nine exams were given to the four candidates and the two who made a complete license were Camille Laill of Ashtabula, Ohio and Joseph Muschar Jr. of Zeilenople, PA, both of whom passed Technician Class.

During the test session, we also had the opportunity to meet Thomas L. Petroff Jr., the tall, dark and handsome brother of Eric KA3WUN. Thomas recently returned from New York City.

Since January 1, exam fees are \$5.75, except for the free 1A code and element 2 theory. Samples of the new 610 form were

mailed to all ARRL VE Liaisons, and are expected to be out in quantity, possibly by mid-July.

Drastic changes in the form appear to be geared to information for the physician and those requesting a code waiver. Station location space has been removed, and the information has not been required since November 14th.

The next test session will be held at Villa Maria Center, 2551 W. 12th Street, in Room 110, A'Hearn Hall on Saturday, Feb. 5th, at 8 AM.

The March test session will be held in Erie, as usual, followed by a second March session at the Conneaut, Ohio Hamfest on Sunday, March 13th. The Hamfest exams will be held at 10 AM.

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QUA W3GV **RAE**

The Radio Association of Erie is a non-profit club serving the tri-state area by providing emergency communication during a civil disaster, as well as providing communication support for public service events. The club meets 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at the Red Cross Chapter House, 4961 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA. Membership is open to any person interested in amateur radio. For membership information, contact Bob Schwimmer, N3FAW at 866-3027. Area nets: Tri-State RACES Emergency Net is conducted weekly on 146.61 MHz Sundays at 6:30 PM; ARES/SKYWARN Net on 146.61 MHz Sundays at 9:30 PM; RAE Novice/Technician Net on 28.340 MHz Wednesday at 8:30 PM; 6 Meter AM Net Wednesday at 9:00 PM on 50.52 MHz; 10 Meter RTTY Net on Friday at 8:30 PM on 28.280 MHz.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this column, another very cold month is nearly over and somehow, we manage to survive. But beware -- February is just beginning and it was in March last year that we had the worst snow storm in at least several decades, so we are not out of the woods yet!!!

I am very sorry for the family of Jud Andrews -- KB3NK -- who passed away on January 14. He was a longtime member of our club, and was very active on both HF and VHF. He was instrumental in helping many of us come up through the ranks, and will be sadly missed by all of us.

Hamfest season is fast

approaching ... the first for the year, of course, is also one of the closest ... Conneaut. Plan now to be there on Sunday, March 13 from 8 to 3. Lots of prizes and FCC exams will be held. For more information, see flyer in this month's QUA-RAE. Two tickets for this fun event will be raffled off with the 50-50 at both Feb. and March general meetings.

Speaking of Hamfests, ours is coming along nicely. Another fabulous prize has been added to the already great list of reasons to attend.

Keep tuned in on 146.01/61 for updates and current information on road conditions, and local weather situations.

Courtesy tones are put on the repeater to make life simpler for us -- not more difficult! A low beep with 3 ascending courtesy tones is the normal daytime/night time mode. A

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Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 3. The program scheduled for that night will be put on by Chris Campbell who set-up, coordinates and oversees the Emergency 9-1-1 system. He will explain the program to us, how we can best utilize the system, and will answer any questions we may have. Not only is this meeting very timely for Chris, since the program is well into its first year and has ironed out many of the start-up bugs, but it is time for us to find our place in this system as well, and Chris is the only person to help us accomplish that.

So mark your calendar for Thursday when we will have coffee and cookies (again courtesy of Red WB3EZY and XYL Barb) at 7:00 PM, and the general meeting will start at 7:30 PM. Ron WB3DOM and Sue N3LPO have graciously volunteered to run the refreshment committee ... thank you, Ron, Sue and Red and Barb. Additional volunteers would be useful to help with setting up and tearing down after the meetings.

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DX TIPS FOR BIG GUNS & LITTLE PISTOLS
WEEKLY DX NEWS BULLETIN

BV9P Pratas Island

The on-again, off-again expedition to Pratas Island is off again, or is at least postponed until late February or early March ... maybe! Emphasize "maybe" because there has been no official schedule announced by the leaders of the expedition.

An unconfirmed report thought to have been originated by Martti, VR2BH/OH2BH, says that a group of ten operators was prepared to depart for the island on December 25, but was bumped by officers and more valuable cargo. Thanks to VK3NS and K4CEF for relaying this information.

QSLing Notes

■ **7Z1AB, 7Z2AB and HZ1AB.** Bill, K1SE, notes that could be some confusion about QSLing for these three club stations. The QSL routes are:

7Z1AB Now via KN4P
Now via K1SE, P. O. Box 685,
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7Z2AB Via K8PYD

HZ1AB The correct QSL manager is NK2T.
■ **5X1JM—correction.** The correct QSL manager is NK2T.
■ **VR2BH.** Have patience. Joanne, KA6V, notes that she has not yet received cards or logs from Martti.

■ **VK9MM QSL cards.** Bill, VK4CRR, says he is madly processing VK9MM cards and will make a mass mailing soon. He hasn't mailed any yet.

■ **PA3CX/ST0 QSL cards.** John, PA3CXC, has processed all direct and bureau cards received to date. Any others should be done by year end. He will return home in February to celebrate his 50th birthday and will continue his QSLing chores. John's Somalia cards start going out around the first week of January. Thanks KC4ML.

■ **J68AR—correction.** The correct QSL manager is K9BQL.
■ **ZD8M.** A recent problem with Mike's QSLs being returned from the post office marked "Out of Country" has been resolved. QSL via G3OUF's Callbook address. Thanks N9RD.

In Memory of

Lloyd Dayton Colvin, W6KG

Born 24 April 1915 Died 14 December 1993
Spokane, Washington Istanbul, Turkey

Lloyd led a full and interesting life. He became a ham operator at the age of 12 and continued this hobby until the end, holding the call of TA1W/6KG. He traveled in 223 countries, operating radio in over 100 of them. He served 30 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as Lt. Colonel. As a general contractor and President of Drake Builders he built numerous houses, apartment buildings and hospitals in the Bay Area. He is survived by his wife Iris Colvin, his daughter Joy Gilcrease, and his granddaughters Justine and Vanessa Gilcrease. His remains will be scattered at sea and there will be no public ceremony.



Jim, YN1PCC, at the controls in his shack in Managua. Jim has about six months left on his tour at the American Embassy before packing up and moving to another exotic posting. QSL via N4JLR. Thanks N4JLR.

HKØ Malpelo Island (OTA SA-007)?

HKØ Gorgona Island (OTA SA-017)

Rumors indicate that IT2RAO/HKØ will be active from Malpelo Island (January 4-7) and Gorgona Island (January 12-15). It is unlikely that IT2RAO will receive permission to operate from Malpelo Island, because in recent operations only Colombian operators have been allowed to participate. Note: IT2RAO is probably an incorrect call sign. WFWL.

3Y Peter I Island

In spite of recent rumors to the contrary, the Peter I Island DXpedition is on schedule and the first members of the group are scheduled to leave for the Falkland Islands around mid-January. The rest of the operators will join them 4 or 5 days later. They will probably be active as VP9BZL for a few days prior to their departure for Peter I Island. The list of operators includes: KØIR, WA4QS, W6MKB, N4GCK, ON6TT, KK6EK, XE1L and HB9AHL. They expect to arrive on the island around February 1. Everything is ready to go, but the expedition was almost aborted when it was discovered that the vessel scheduled to pick them up from the island could not make the trip (see Peter I DXpedition update on page 2 of this issue for the complete story).

LI Norway

Several Norwegian special event stations are expected to be active for the 17th Winter Olympics: LI10WG (Lillehammer), LI30WG (Hamar), LI50WG (Gjovik) and LI40WG (Gudbrandsdalen).

P4 Aruba

Members of the Quannapowitt Radio Association will be active from Aruba January 10-17 as P4W1EKT. The list of operators includes NW1J, WIHL and AA1M. They will be active on 160-6 meters on CW, SSB, RTTY and hopefully packet. QSL via AA1M.

3Y9 Antartica?

Recent activity by a station signing 3Y9YBA has been reported. The operator says to QSL via LA9YBA. This station is probably located in Antarctica.

SØ Western Sahara

4U1F5RSH will be active from Western Sahara for several weeks during the next three months. Thanks The DX Bulletin.



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ERIE COUNTY A.R.E.S.

This month I would like to talk about one aspect of communications. It is important that we communicate and pass our emergency traffic word for word as we receive it. We often are not operating under ideal radio communication conditions, therefore it is imperative that we all use the ITU (International Telecommunication Union) phonetic alphabet and use proper pronunciation of our numbers speaking slowly and distinctly. If we use and practice these good operating procedures on a daily basis then it will be second nature for us to use them during an actual emergency and/or under poor operating conditions. For a smooth flow of communications please practice and use the ITU phonetic alphabet and numbers below. A.R.E.S. registration forms for 1993-1994 are available by contacting me at the R.A.E. club meeting and/or on the repeaters. 73 for now.

Tom McClain N3HPR
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A Alfa	B Bravo	C Charlie	One -- "Wun"	Two -- "Too"
D Delta	E Echo	F Foxtrot	Three -- "Tharee"	Four -- "Fower"
G Golf	H Hotel	I India	Five -- "Fiyuv"	Six -- "Silks"
J Juliett	K Kilo	L Lima	Seven -- "Seven"	Eight -- "Ate"
M Mike	N November	O Oscar	Nine -- "Niner"	Zero -- "Zearow"
P Papa	Q Quebec	R Romeo		
S Sierra	T Tango	U Uniform		
V Victor	W Whiskey	X X-Ray		
Y Yankee	Z Zulu			

1994 Atlantic Division Hamfest Calendar

Jan 15	Skyline ARC -- Marathon, NY
Jan 23	Columbia Area ARC -- Lancaster, PA
Jan 30	Maryland Mobileers -- Odenton, MD
Feb 20	Cumberland County ARS -- Camp Hill, PA
Feb 26	Appalachian ARG -- Lebanon, PA
Mar 5	Shore Points ARC -- Absecon, NJ
Mar 13	York Springfest -- York, PA
Mar 20	Two Rivers ARC -- Monroeville, PA
Mar 26-27	Baltimore ARC -- Timonium, MD
Apr 10	Penn-Del ARC -- New Castle, DE
May 15	Warminster ARC -- Wrightstown, PA
May 20-22	Rochester Hamfest -- Rochester, NY
May 22	Antietam RA -- Hagerstown, MD

Pennsylvania Hams Come Through Under Pressure

... Again

Once again, the amateur community in Pennsylvania has showed that they are fully prepared for any emergency that may arise, and the recent State of Emergency declared by Gov. Casey was no exception. Hams all over the state activated under the auspices of RACES, ARES/SKYWARN, and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in their attempt to keep an emergency situation from becoming a disaster situation... and they seemed to accomplish what they set out to do.

Back home in Erie County, the scene was no less dramatic. Early in the morning on Wednesday, January 19, the local chapter of the American Red Cross decided to activate the emergency shelter at Strong Vincent High School. After notifying their emergency communication team coordinator, Eric Petroff KA3WUN, personnel were dispatched to man the shelter and the wheels began turning to activate the local teams for what turned out to be a very long day. Eric and Cliff Craft N3BZL manned the communications center at the Red Cross, Ron Seyboldt WB3DOM covered the shelter at Strong Vincent, Dan Miller K3UFG went to the Emergency Operations Center to coordinate communications between Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's Director Nick Slepztzoff and the other agencies, and Tom McClain N3HPR floated between the facilities providing the necessities to sustain the committed personnel.

Among the long list of people standing by for immediate deployment were Jake Craft N3MEC for use at Northwestern HS; Dennis Sharer KA3WYO for Northeast, Tony Zona WB3KGT, etc., etc., etc.

Due to the excess demand on available power sources, the record cold temperatures, and the already dangerous conditions in the state from the previous storms since Jan. 6, the Gov. was forced to declare a state of emergency, freeing up needed resources to re-establish a sense of normalcy for the state.

As the day went on, power consumption continued to decrease and by evening, the rolling brown-outs were discontinued, adding to the trend toward better conditions for the state.

On behalf of the Erie Chapter of the American Red Cross, the comm. team wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way ... your efforts were and are greatly appreciated!!!!

Minutes of R.A.E. General Meeting - January 6, 1994

Meeting was called to order by President Dan Miller, K3UFG at 7:31pm.

Officers and board members present were K3UFG, W3GZO, N3MRB, N3HPR, N3FAW, WB3DOM, and KA3QDM.

Guests present were Joe Karaisz N3QWA and Ed Dingfelder N3QZA. New Member Gene Robertson also attended. He is still waiting for his call.

President asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting, as published in the QUA-RAE. The minutes need to be corrected to read 9 members instead of 10 and 5 board members instead of 6. Motion made by K3FZO, seconded by WB3EZY; motion carried.

The treasurers report was given by N3MRB. Motion made by KB2OUA to accept the report as given, seconded by N3LPO; motion carried.

Board meeting report was presented by the newly elected chairperson Tom McClain N3HPR.

N3FAW reported there are a total of 188 club members prior to meeting time, 6 more paid at the meeting. Member dues are still coming in.

K3UFG reported the QUA-RAE needs a new editor. His duties as president prevent applying the time needed to run the QUA-RAE.

WR4W reported there are no classes scheduled for the winter. He is investigating whether two yearly sessions are needed. Jim would like opinion feedback on this question.

KA3WUN reported public service is just getting started. Nothing is scheduled at this time. He also reported all club property is available for loan, that is working equipment. The antenna tuner and the club robot are not in working order.

WB3KGT announced there will be a working repeater meeting Jan 17th at the RC. Subject will be 61 noise and other problems. He also reported the 82 repeater has been quiet lately. Tony presented an idea of a low profile repeated tied to HF. This will take much work and there is no schedule for at this time.

Hamfest kickoff meeting is scheduled for January 10th 7:00pm at the RC. Representatives for all committees and interested people should plan to be there.

N13Q reported the VE team tested 4 candidates on January 1st. The results of the testing were not known.

The club is planning to have special event stations in the future. Number 1 on the list is to be the Brig Niagara.

NEW BUSINESS

WB3KGT announced plans to plant a FOX for a two week period sometime in the future. Watch the QUA-RAE for details - rules and prizes.

Tom McClain N3HPR announced a proposed change to the by-laws. Need to include the Hamfest as a committee. Change will be in the next two QUA-RAEs, then put to a vote.

***** Jake N3MEC Up Graded to General Congratulations Jake. *****

***** Don KA3QDM was awarded the Friendship Award by ARRL. *****
Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,
for Dennis Sharer, Secretary
Richard C. Bainbridge, VP

IN MEMORIAM: HOWARD "JUD" ANDREWS KB3NK

Jud passed away due to heart failure on January 15, 1994. He was 74.

Many Erie hams received 'Elmer' assistance from Jud to attain licenses or upgrades. He was a patient and very knowledgeable teacher. But he was merely passing along some of the wealth of knowledge and valuable assistance that he received from many other Erie radio amateurs. This was his way of giving back some of what he received from others.

Jud became a ham after he was seriously crippled by Multiple Sclerosis. To construct his complete station he needed and received untold hours of help from many hams. His shack was an enviable example of the Complete Station. Undoubtedly his many continuous hours at the radio contributed to the loss of a leg, due to circulation problems.

Jud's wish was to donate his station or the proceeds therefrom to the RAE for the benefit of other local hams. His family has advised the RAE that they wish to carry out his instruction. The Board of Directors was to take up the matter of the donation at the next regular meeting. The RAE acknowledges the gift with sincere thanks to his family.

He will be missed by many, not just locally but all over the United States, due to the many nets he regularly inhabited.